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Mrs. Effa Manley,  
71 Crawford Street.,  
Newark, 2, New Jersey.

Dear Mrs. Manley:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters regarding the meeting in New York next week.

Please be advised that I am going to do my level best to attend the meeting. However, since it has been changed from Friday to Thursday it may be impossible for me to attend. I am editor of the City Edition of The Courier and that edition comes out on Thursday afternoon. At the present time I do not see how I can get off and be in New York on Thursday. Friday was perfect. At first the meeting was scheduled for Tuesday and when I explained to Cum Posey that I could not make it on that day, he had Tom Wilson change it to Friday. Later, however, Tom said he could not get train reservations, or something to that effect, and switched the meeting back to Thursday.

Of course I am going to try and be there, but right now I don't see how I can make it.

As for doing the statistical job for the Eagles alone, I am in favor of that. I would suggest at this time that you get together with four other owners and see if they will purchase the service with you. If that could be worked out I would do the job for you for ten dollars (\$10) a week. This would include all the statistical data of each player. I would also release this information for you from this office each Sunday morning to the Associated Negro Press and all the leading Negro papers.

I am sure you realize that I have cut the charge for this service down to the bone. And, I am also sure, that you realize it will be the greatest thing you could possibly do for the public in the history of Negro baseball.

Hoping to see you at the meeting, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Smith*  
Wendell Smith  
WS/djr